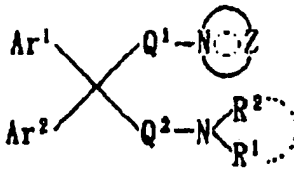
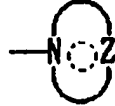




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<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>An MIP-1α/RANTES-receptor antagonist which comprises the compound of formula (I), wherein Ar¹ and Ar² independently represent an optionally substituted aromatic group; Q¹ and Q² independently represent an optionally substituted divalent C₁₋₆ aliphatic hydrocarbon group which may have either oxygen or sulfur within the carbon chain; R¹ represents hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted lower alkyl group or an optionally substituted lower alkyl-carbonyl group; R² represents an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted acyl group, or R¹ and R², taken together with the adjacent nitrogen atom, form an optionally substituted nitrogen containing heterocyclic group; and a group of formula (a) represents an optionally substituted nitrogen-containing mono or fused heterocyclic group, or a salt thereof.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  <p>[I]</p>  <p>(a)</p> </div>		